

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Keisuke Chino	)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Serial No.: 10/553,420	)	Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy
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Filed: October 17, 2005	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 1455
For: Thermoplastic Elastomer and	)	
Thermoplastic Elastomer	)	
Composition	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.